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Assemblywoman Julia Brownley Honors Camarillo Resident as Woman of the Year

SACRAMENTO—Assemblywoman Julia Brownley, D-Santa Monica, announced today she has chosen Camarillo resident Sharon L. Hillbrant as legislative Woman of the Year.

Hillbrant will be among women honored during a special floor session of the California Assembly on Monday, March 16, 2009, as part of Women's History Month.

“Sharon has been a whirlwind in her community, totally committed to advocating on behalf of seniors, the economically disadvantaged, people suffering from drug addiction, Latinos and local Democrats,” Assemblywoman Brownley said. “She is an inspiration to others committed to serving the neediest in our neighborhoods.”

Hillbrant is Regional Director of the Congress of California Seniors and is a regional mobilizer for the Central Coast AARP. She is parliamentarian of the Ventura County Democratic Party, which she previously chaired. Hillbrant also serves on the California Democratic Party Rules Committee. She is Vice President of the Zeta Chi California unit of the National Association of Parliamentarians.

Hillbrant is chairwoman of the board of Palmer Drug Abuse Program. She also serves as a member of the board of Ventura County Community Foundation's Social Justice Fund, a member of the National Women's Political Caucus, and a board member of The Destino: The Hispanic Legacy Fund Vision Committee, which steers an endowment fund dedicated to meeting the needs of Latinos in Ventura County.

Hillbrant grew up in North Hollywood and met her husband, Bill, at UCLA. They have lived in Camarillo for 45 years and have two grown daughters and three grandchildren.

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